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# **Bachelor of Science in Psychology**

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**Undergraduate Department of Education  
and Behavioral Sciences**

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

### **The Bachelor of Science in Psychology Major**

prepares students who are planning to work in the mental health field or who are preparing for graduate study. The Psychology Major focuses on the study of individuals, including their behaviors, thought processes, and emotions. The curriculum provides students with a solid base in psychology, emphasizing scientific research and its application. One of the strengths of the major is the variety of practical and other applied experiences that allow students to hone what they learn in the classroom and to establish connections in the field.

The psychology curriculum allows students to tailor portions of the curriculum to meet individual career goals. With the help of academic advisors, students select those classes that will best prepare them for work in their chosen specialty or for graduate study.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic year is divided into three semesters and each semester consists of two eight-week sessions. This calendar provides students with a great deal of flexibility in planning their class schedules. The complete curriculum is offered both during the day and during the evening. Students who work during the day appreciate that they are able to complete a full load of classes for a semester by attending classes two evenings a week during each eight-week session.

## OUTSTANDING FACULTY

Instructors who are scholars and practitioners in the field provide students with exciting and challenging learning experiences. Small class sizes provide many opportunities for student-faculty interaction and for faculty to encourage students to reach their goals.

## ADMISSIONS

Applicants for admission to the program are required to submit a completed application form, proof of high school graduation, official transcripts from previously attended colleges and universities, and the nonrefundable application fee.

## TRANSFER POLICY

Students may transfer in from other colleges or universities a maximum of 90 credits toward the bachelors degree, which consists of a total of 120 credits. Students may transfer up to 66 credits from two-year colleges.

## AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

The Office of Student Financial Aid administers the University's financial aid programs of grants and loans. In addition, professional financial aid advisers can help students plan for the most efficient use of their financial resources for education. Counselors in the Office of Financial Aid can be reached at (954) 262-3380 or toll free at 800-522-3243.

### ***Features of the NSU Psychology Major***

- Preparation for employment in the mental health field and/or for graduate study
- A solid foundation in the knowledge base of psychology
- Outstanding faculty and administration
- Small class sizes
- Liberal transfer policy

## THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Psychology Degree requires that a total of 120 credit hours be completed.

### ***General Distribution: 45 Credits***

Comprised of composition, mathematics, computer literacy, arts, humanities, and science.

### ***Psychology Curriculum***

#### **Required Courses**

PSYC 1020	Introduction to Psychology	
PSYC 3000	Research Methods	
PSYC 3110	Interpersonal Communication	
PSYC 4800	Research Practicum	<b>or</b>
PSYC 4810	Community Practicum	
PSYC 4880	Senior Seminar	<b>or</b>
PSYC 4840	Advanced Practicum	

### ***Foundation Courses***

#### **Select three from the following**

PSYC 2350	Human Life Span Development
PSYC 3160	Issues in Social Psychology
PSYC 3210	Personality
PSYC 3510	Human Learning and Cognition
PSYC 4600	Biological Basis of Behavior

### ***Psychology Elective Courses***

Students may select at least four additional psychology courses. These may be additional foundation courses or specialty courses.

### ***Open Electives***

#### **42 credit hours in any field or specialty**

*Along with the Psychology Major, students may wish to minor in Substance Abuse Studies. The Substance Abuse Studies Minor prepares students for certification from the Certification Board of Addictions Professionals in Florida (C.B.A.P.F.) SS-#02. Degree seeking students can also take Substance Abuse courses as Psychology Elective Courses.*

*Individuals who plan to work in the mental health field are encouraged to take courses in abnormal psychology, behavior modification, tests and measurements, counseling, and substance abuse studies.*

## INFORMATION

For more information, contact the Undergraduate Department of Education and Behavioral Sciences at (954) 262-7925, or toll free 800-33U-GRAD, Ext. 7925, or write:

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